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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6923 DATE PREPARED: Jan 5, 1999

BILL NUMBER: HB 1339 BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: School textbooks.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL IMPACT: State & Local

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<u>Summary of Legislation:</u> This bill provides for state payment of the first \$50 of textbook and materials expenses that would otherwise be billed to a student, or to a parent, guardian, or custodian of a student, for textbooks and materials.

Effective Date: July 1, 1999.

Explanation of State Expenditures: Since each student or student's parent, guardian, or custodian would be eligible for a \$50 credit, the additional costs will depend on the number of students who might be enrolled in public schools in Indiana. Based on the projections of the state's Average Daily Membership (ADM), the additional costs to the state are shown in the following table:

	Projected	Grant per	Projected
<u>FY</u>	<u>ADM</u>	<u>ADM</u>	Cost
1999	965,762	\$50	\$48,288,100
2000	973,104	\$50	\$48,655,200
2001	979,745	\$50	\$48,987,230
2002	986,431	\$50	\$49,321,526
2003	993,162	\$50	\$49,658,103

This bill does not contain an appropriation.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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Explanation of Local Revenues: Depending on the number of delinquent accounts that each school corporation currently experiences, school corporations may realize some net revenue if the \$50 per student they receive from the Department of Education is greater than the amount of reimbursements they currently receive from parents or guardians of students.

Under current law, school may recover some of the costs of delinquent textbook fees through lawsuits in small claims courts or by employing collection agencies. Passage of this bill may also help these school corporations to avoid these costs.

State Agencies Affected: Department of Education.

<u>Local Agencies Affected:</u> School Corporations.

Information Sources: Department of Education Data Bases.

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